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1. AT RECENT ESCAP 31ST PLENARY SESSION IN NEW DELHI (26 FEB.-
7MARCH) DURING DISCUSSION TYPHOON COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES PROJECT
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STORMFURY WAS NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED. USDEL BEFOREHAND HAD DIS-

CUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL C WITH BOTH JAPANESE AND PHILIPPINE
DELEGATIONS AND BOTH APPEARED SATISFIED US WOULD NOT TABLE
RESOLUTION ON PROJECT STORMFURY AT 31ST SESSION.

2. SOVIETS HOWEVER EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN TYPHOON WARNING
AND PREVENTION AND INDICATED SOVIET TYPHOON STUDIES ARE NOW UNDER-
WAY TO DETERMINE THEIR ORIGINS AND IMPROVE PREDICTION OF THEIR
TRAJECTORIES. IN 1971 SOVIETS WILL SEND FOUR SURVEY SHIPS INTO
PACIFIC FOR TYPHOON RESEARCH.

3. ACCORDING TO USDEL NOTES, BEFORE TYPHOON COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS
ENDED, PRC DEL STATED PRC PAYS CLOSE ATTENTION TO TYPHOON EXPERI-
MENTS IN PACIFIC BECAUSE QUOTE TYPHOONS AFFECT US. UNANIMOUS
AGREEMENT OF ALL COUNTRIES MUST BE OBTAINED BEFORE EXPERIMENTS
ARE MADE. UNQUOTE FINAL ESCAP DRAFT REPORTS OF DISCUSSION STATES
QUOTE IN THAT CONNECTION THE REPRESENTATIVE OF CHINA POINTED OUT
THAT MANY COUNTRIES WERE GREATLY AFFECTED BY TYPHOONS, WHICH HAD
BENEFICIAL AS WELL AS HARMFUL EFFECTS, THE ASSOCIATED RAINFALL
BEING A RESOURCE OF VITAL IMPORTANCE. EXPERIMENTS ON TYPHOON
MODIFICATION, WHICH WOULD HAVE UNPREDICTABLE RESULTS, SHOULD
THEREFORE BE CARRIED OUT ONLY WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF ALL THE
COUNTRIES CONCERNED. UNQUOTE

4. COMMENT: JAPAN CLEARLY IS NOT THE ONLY PACIFIC POWER LEERY
OF TYPHOON MODIFICATION. WHILE CHINESE MAY NOT SHARE WORRIES AND
OBJECTIONS OF JAPANESE REGARDING PROJECT STORMFURY, GETTING A
DEFINITIVE RESPONSE FROM PEKING MAY BE DIFFICULT. MASTERS

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